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FOR EUR/CAN AND VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BURNS AND BIEGING)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (WALTER MONDALE), CA

SUBJECT: CANADIAN COVERAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT

REF: OTTAWA 257

1. IN JANUARY 20 EDITORIAL TITLED "INTERESTING, BUT ...", VANCOUVER SUN WROTE THAT U.S. VICE PRESIDENT "WAS OBVIOUSLY READY FOR SOME HORSE-TRADING" DURING HIS VISIT TO CANADA, BUT "NEITHER SIDE GAVE VERY MUCH." "THIS IS NOT TO SAY THE WHOLE EXERCISE WAS A FLOP. QUITE CLEARLY, IT WASN'T. IF NOTHING ELSE, IT AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH COUNTRIES TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS."

2. VANCOUVER SUN STATES THAT TEST OF UNDERSTANDING WILL COME WHEN WORDS HAVE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION AND QUESTIONS HOW MR. MONDALE WILL "DELIVER ON HIS PROMISE" TO EASE U.S. TAX LAW AFFECTING CONVENTIONS. EDITORIAL TICKS OFF REASONS FOR EARLIER U.S. REJECTION OF CANADIAN EXEMPTION FROM THE TAX LAW (I.E., GOC TAX ACTION AGAINST BORDER TV STATIONS AND MAGAZINES AND COMMERCIAL DELETIONS), NOTES THAT CANADIAN POLICY IS UNCHANGED, AND CONCLUDES THEREFORE THAT

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U.S. CONGRESS UNLIKELY TO REVERSE ITSELF NOW AND GRANT CANADA AN EXEMPTION "WITHOUT A VERY GOOD REASON."

3. ON NATURAL GAS SWAP PROPOSAL, EDITORIAL STATES THAT PREMIER LOUGHEED'S CONDITION OF U.S. TARIFF CUTS ON AGRICULTURAL AND PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS IS "COMPLICATED BY TRADE TALKS ENTERING THE HARD-NEGOTIATION PHASE IN GENEVA AND BY THE STRONG PROTECTIONIST

MOOD IN THE U.S."

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "HOW MUCH OF THE REST OF MR. MONDALE'S  
PISIT WILL REMAIN UP IN THE AIR DEPENDS ON FORCES NOT TOTALLY  
WITHIN HIS -- OR OUR -- CONTROL. THE PROGRESS OF THE BALLOONS  
WILL BE FACINATING TO WATCH, ANYWAY."

5. COPY OF EDITORIAL BEING POUCHED AS INSTRUCTED.  
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